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Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: December 12, 2002 **Project Number:** 9124.04

Location: Southern NH Regional Planning Commission
Manchester, NH

Re: **First Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting for the Salem to Concord
Bikeway Feasibility Study**

Attendees: See attached table

Meeting Summary

The Citizens Advisory Committee was formed to involve the communities and regional planning agencies in the Salem to Concord Bikeway Feasibility Study process. The objectives of the meeting were to bring the committee up to date on work recently completed for the project, discuss the scope of services for the feasibility study, and to obtain information on current and planned bikeways within the communities.

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- Ansel Sanborn opened the meeting with an introduction to the project and a description of how important local involvement is to the successful completion of the study.
- Bill Cass gave an overview of the overall I-93 project. A bike/pedestrian pathway has been proposed as part of the I-93 reconstruction project from approximately Exit 2 to Exit 5. As part of the planning process for that project, it was determined that alternative pathway should be considered for bike/pedestrian travel along the I-93 transportation corridor.
- As part of Bill's presentation, the question was raised on how funding for the bike path would be affected if it is moved outside of the I-93 right of way. The answer to this question is partially dependent on the bikeway's distance from I-93.
- Linda Harvey suggested that Route 38 in Salem would be a good southerly terminus of the bike path. Crossings at Rockingham Park Boulevard and Route 111 will have to be carefully designed.

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- Paul Smith presented each of the segments/alternatives currently under consideration for the bike path including the Lawrence/Manchester Railroad, the abandoned Concord/Montreal Railroad, the Heritage Trail in Manchester and Hooksett and the I-93 Right of Way. He discussed his walk along the Lawrence/Manchester Railroad and generally indicated that this railroad right of way appears to be a viable alternative (as a rail-to-trail) for the southerly portion of the bike path.
- Robert Spoerl informed the committee that a High Pressure Gas Line crosses the Lawrence/Manchester Railroad. The line is owned by Tennessee Gas.
- Issues were raised by Linda Harvey and Robert Spoerl on ownership of certain segments of the rail. Rizzo/Alta is to meet with Robert to discuss this issue further.
- It was suggested that we meet with Charles Watson, Planning Director in Hooksett and Ron Johnson, Recreation Director in Manchester to discuss their plans for the Heritage Trail.
- ATV use on the existing trail in Windam needs to be addressed as part of the process.
- The northerly terminus of the project needs to be determined. The project will tie into the City of Concord's planned trail system, probably in the southern part of the City.

Follow-up

- Make photographs of study rail corridors available as PDF files to committee members.
- NHDOT to provide flyers/pamphlets for public meetings, which committee members would distribute within their communities.
- Next CAC meeting is January 23, 2003 at the 438 Dubuque Street at 6:30 p.m.
- Public hearings are scheduled for February 11, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at Derry Town Hall and February 13, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at Hooksett Library.

Notes prepared by NBD/Lu Barker/PSmith

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